

# CHURCH NOTES - November 8, 2020

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**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended for Janice and Tim Finein, Patrick and Eleanor, and family in the death of her grandmother, Virginia Lois Earnhardt Cagle, on October 29,

**BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM DURING EVENING WORSHIP** is William Henry King, son of Bailey and Hannah King. Grandmothers Robin Lowe and Jean King, and other family members are also present.

**NEW MEMBERS** Bobby and Barbara Yurkutat, along with daughters, Anna Grace and Caroline, are joining Selwyn today.

**BAPTISM CLASS** Ashlee Anderson will lead the two week class on November 10 and 17 from 7:30-8:30pm. Interested parents please RSVP to [Ashlee Anderson](#).

**GIVING STOCK** When giving stock, contact church accountant [Tonya Moore](#) or 704-996-5504, so she is aware of the transaction and can credit the proper amount to the correct member. We have received several transactions that are currently unidentified. Our stock account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. Please sign a letter of instruction for your broker as follows: Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer \_\_ shares of \_\_\_\_\_ securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40.

**REKINDLING THE GIFT OF GOD** Stewardship information packets were mailed a couple of weeks ago. Please prayerfully consider your estimate of giving for 2021 by pledging this stewardship season. To learn more, join in a virtual Listening Session with members of the committee on [November 11, 10am](#). Dedication Sunday is next Sunday, November 15.

**YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES** are much needed and celebrated as we navigate the weeks ahead. Thank you to all who have embraced the online Text to Give platform. Instructions for using:

- Text 704-734-9818.
- Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
- From then on, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number with or without a key word.
- You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2020 annual fund.
- Key words are:  
GIVE (offering to the 2020 general fund), COVID (special offering for Montclaire Elementary and Roof Above needs)

For 2020 Selwyn member pledges total **\$690,740**. Weekly pledge receipts of **\$13,283** are needed each week to achieve our goal for 2020.

October 25: Pledge Receipts:	\$ 6,553
Actual pledge receipts as of October 25 (YTD):	493,830
Goal for pledge receipts as of October 18 (YTD):	571,169
<b>Surplus or (deficit) year-to-date:</b>	<b>\$ - 77,339</b>

**SELWYN, HOW CAN YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?** Here are a few ways:

- We will participate in framing a Habitat Build on Saturday, November 14. Workers must be 16 years of age or older. Work will be outdoors, with masks and hand sanitizing. Contact [Dick Metzler](#) or 704-488-8362 if interested.
- Roof Above will have its annual True Blessings luncheon as a virtual fundraising event. You are invited to join Wednesday, November 18 to hear inspiring stories on working to end homelessness in Charlotte. The event is 12-12:45pm with a virtual breakout for Selwyn at 11:45am. Contact [Nan Howard](#) or 704-560-7503 to register.
- We are making 300 lunches once a month for Roof Above. Please sign up to help with the November 21 lunches. Also, please check out Roof Above's wish list on their [website](#).
- Our next Food First Sunday is Sunday, December 6 to help feed Montclaire Elementary children and families and restock the food pantry. No glass items please. Return items to the Welcome Center porch bin during the month.
- Help Montclaire students in danger of falling behind by being a virtual tutor with Augustine Literacy Project, HELPS from Read Charlotte, or Heart Math. For details, choose "Tutoring" on Selwyn's website [volunteer](#) page.
- You may contribute funds via our online giving portals to buy grocery store gift cards for Montclaire families.

**ADVENT WORKSHOP** Please join us on November 29 from 12-2pm on the lawn. There will be wreath making, crafts, and pageant costumes will be available for pickup. Please [pre-order your Advent wreath kits](#). They are \$10 each. If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, you are invited to reserve a kit to pick up November 30 through December 3.

**SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE** Join us on Wednesday, December 2, 10am for a service designed for those seeking quiet in the chaos, and for those experiencing loss or challenges. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook Live. A limited number of spaces will be available in the sanctuary with a RSVP. Masks and social distancing are required. [RSVP here](#) or through the church office, 704-372-6836, by November 30.

**OUTDOOR SUNDAY EVENINGS** Join us on the front lawn for Children’s Chapel at 4:30pm and Outdoor Worship at 5pm through November 22, weather permitting. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Masks and social distancing will be required. Rain cancels the service.

**YOUTH GROUPS** Please check your email for an updated Youth schedule from Margo sent on November 4. Masks and social distancing are required for all gatherings. Rain cancels the event. Online gathering links will be sent by [Margo](#).

- November 8, All Youth Lunch and Advent Project, 12-1pm, front lawn
- November 15, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner, 6pm
- Appalachia Service Project (ASP), June 13-19, total cost: \$500 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$200, rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders- graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade, ten adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).
- Montreat Youth Conference, July 11-17, total cost: \$450 (includes transportation, food, housing), deposit: \$150, rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders- graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade, three adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).
- Middle School Cross Missions (local Charlotte overnight Mission trip), July 25-30, total cost: \$325 (includes food, housing, transportation, deposit: \$100, rising 6<sup>th</sup> - rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade, four adult chaperones needed. RSVP to [Margo](#).

**ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES** Links to participate can be found at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org).

- Pastor’s Bible Study – Gospel of Matthew, 11am on Wednesdays.
- Daughters of Faith meets weekly on Wednesdays at 3:30pm.
- Selwyn Life Sunday School, first and third Sundays, 3pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- Covenant Sunday School, every Sunday at 9:30am on Zoom.
- Grace Class, 9:30am, the second and fourth Sundays on Zoom. Contact [Erin Mills](#).
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am.
- Presbyterian Women Circles meet September through May. Contact Moderator, [Peggy Hormberg](#) for information.

**RETHINKING CHURCH**

- We continue to livestream Sunday Morning Worship on Facebook Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website.
- We offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. Links can be found on our website and via emails.
- Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) and via email.
- SAPC Podcasts - Listen to sermons, community discussions and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [on Apple Podcast](#).
- The best way to contact staff is via email. To reach out by phone call the church, 704-372-6836. Listen to the instructions carefully and follow the prompts for leaving a message on the appropriate staff person’s extension.
- For pastoral care emergencies, please leave a message on Reverend Raible’s extension.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, November 8</b>            9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom)            9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)            9:30 Grace Class (Zoom)            10:30 Worship Online            12:00 Youth Lunch and Project (Lawn)            4:30 Children's Chapel (Lawn)            5:00 Outdoor Worship            6:20 Youth Group (Lawn)</p> <p><b>Monday, November 9</b>            7:00 BSA Troop</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 10</b>            7:00 Mission Group (Zoom)            7:30 Baptism Class; Part 1 (Zoom)            7:30 Peace Seekers Circle</p> <p><b>Wednesday, November 11</b>            10:00 Stewardship Listening Session            11:00 Pastor’s Bible Study (Zoom)            3:30 Daughters of Faith Circle (Zoom)</p> <p><b>Friday, November 13</b>            7:00 Men’s Group</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am            Spire deadline is Monday, November 23, 9am</p>	<p><b>Saturday, November 14</b>            Habitat Workday</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 15</b>            9:20 Confirmation Class (Zoom)            9:30 Covenant Sunday School (Zoom)            10:30 Worship with Baptism Online            3:00 Selwyn Life Class Online            4:30 Children's Chapel (Lawn)            5:00 Outdoor Worship            6:00 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner</p>